

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS

Hearing Date: March 18, 2021 8:00 AM

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COMMENTS FOR: HB 1397

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Kellye Duncan

self

San Angelo, TX

Dear Committee members,

Election integrity is vital to every community & county across our great state regardless of party preference. We must maintain our voter ID laws and have other means to maintain the truth in all elections. If we must show an ID to purchase beer, wine, alcohol, tobacco, BOARD AN AIRPLANE, cash a check or any other multiple times, we must prove who we are when voting. I would hate to learn that my mother had voted - she has been dead since 1997. I would hate to learn that my neighbor had voted even though he is not a registered voter. Please review with your heart the logical and legal methods to ensure our elections are true and fair. Thank you for your service to our great state of Texas!

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Chris Edmiston

Self

Austin, TX

I SUPPORT HB1397 but I think it can be made better.

We definitely need to know who is invested in the equipment that we're using for any and all voting mechanisms. I'm a little concerned that this might not go far enough with the 3 requirements, and the September 1, 2021 date. It would be good to add a provision to ensure that older equipment cannot be purchased to avoid this requirement. It would also be good to see a requirement that the investors are not tied to a political party, candidate, or politician.

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shawn flanagan

self/retired

corpus christi, TX

This is good bill that will improve election integrity. Please pass it.

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Larry Ringler

Self-retired

Portland, TX

I fully support this bill to require disclosure of 5% or more ownership in a voting system. Please vote for this bill.

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DONNA EYLES

Self

CORPUS CHRISTI, TX

I absolutely agree that any voting equipment vendor should disclose its list of stockholders/owners who have a 5% or more ownership. This would allow Texas to ensure that ownership is not detrimental to the integrity of our voting system.

Please vote YES for HB 1397.

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Eric Mann

self

Dallas, TX

support

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Victoria Hanson

Self

Corpus Christi, TX

I think this is an excellent bill in that it takes proactive actions necessary to ensure that owners, parent companies and subsidiaries are not owned by actors that may have a bias in our election results, either foreign or domestic. Please vote for this bill.

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scott mesmer

self

corpus christi, TX

Love this bill. Requiring disclosure of 5% or more of ownership in a voting system, why isn't this in place now? We deserve a system we have confidence in, no outside foreign entity should have any ownership in our process of voting. Please vote for HB 1367

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Julie Garcia

self

Corpus Christi, TX

Please Please Vote for this bill!! We need to ensure that our voting systems/software are not compromised and that we are protected from potential perpetrators. We deserve nothing less for our election integrity. Please vote for HB 1397.

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Cinde Weatherby, Voting Rights/Election Law Ch.

League of Women Voters of Texas

Austin, TX

Support of HB 1397

-- HB 1397 requires disclosure of ownership interests in voting equipment. LWVTX supports governmental transparency and specifically this bill. The fear of the unknown can lead to distrust. Receiving this information should increase confidence in our elections. LWVTX requests your favorable consideration of HB 1397.

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brad hodes

self

austin, TX

FOR HB1397.

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Jesse Suarez

Rabalais I&E Constructors

Corpus Christi, TX

I agree with this. We dont need election officials enticed by money from foreign adversaries influencing their decision on which voting equipment to purchase which exposes our elections to voter fraud. Please vote yes on HB 1397

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Pamela Oglesby

None

Cedar Park, TX

Open and transparent government is always good but should not impose unfunded mandates on any party.

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Bianca Gracia, Mrs

Latinos for America First, Latinos for Trump, Lideres de la Comunidad, and Americanos Conservative United

Pasadena, TX

Our organization of over 10k members and 2k Hispanic Evangelicals support this bill.

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Cathy Jaster

retired

Georgetown, TX

Transparency is a must. Ownership interest in voting systems equipment, and country of origin must be disclosed.

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Kathy Turner

self, retired

McGregor, TX

I view this bill favorably as it would enhance transparency to the public of contractors in the voting system.

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